**Not all learning happens at school**

Hi, I'm Zac Reid. Have you ever wondered why people say school is important? My Mum goes on like a broken record… She’s always going on like “ school is important Zac” “do your homework zac” “ if you know better you will do better zac” “blah blah blah”. But is it true?

I have recently just got back from Uluru. I learnt so much stuff - I didn't even know was a thing that Uluru is red from the rust and is taller than any building in Australia. How I learnt this is from asking questions and reading information. I learnt to spell Uluru properly, I guess not all learning is done at school.

My Dad left school at year 10 but he is one of the smartest people I know. He’s smart in different ways. He doesn’t like to read or write a lot, but the reason that he is so smart is because he is always talking to people and looking at what they're doing - also asking questions and that's how he learns.

When I started school I was in little Kindy and we read little picture books about kittens and honey bears. But now that I am in primary I can choose my own exciting books with fantasy and adventure on every page. Maybe books are a good way to learn?

Maybe education is the key, just think one day you want to go into a door but it is locked. There is only one way to get in it. It is an equation. lucky you listened in Maths class and you know how to solve it. You use education every day, but you may not know.

So yes, education is important. If you learn you will go places - so teachers, you're stuck with me for another 7 years!

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